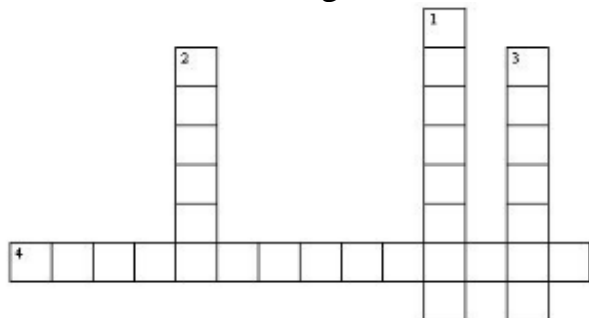


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## Air Force Trivia Extravaganza!!!



### DOWN:

- On 19 Feb 1936, "Billy" \_\_\_\_\_, the man considered by many to be the "Father of the Air Force", passed away in NYC.
- In Feb 1968, the 355<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron joined the 37<sup>th</sup> TRW, going on to fly with the wing until 1970 at this South Vietnam air base.
- On 18 Feb 1951, this then Senator & head of the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee visited Lackland to investigate allegations of overcrowding; this same man made a return visit to Kelly in 1965 – this time as the President.

### ACROSS:

- On 28 Feb 1994, two of these "fighting" USAF aircraft, shot down four Serbian Soko Ga-2 Gelab enemy combatants over Bosnia, while participating in *Operation Deny Flight*.

Email your answers to: [37trw.ho@lackland.af.mil](mailto:37trw.ho@lackland.af.mil)

Winners will be selected randomly & awarded a prize!

Jan '09 winner is: **MSgt Jesse E. Lopez 733 TRS/TRK**

(Wins free bowling at the Skylark Lanes!)

Answer: C - 1914

## The last to roll off the line...

10 Feb 1966, Kelly AFB personnel completed the last overhaul of a B-58 "Hustler".



## February Featured Team Lackland unit:

The 182<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Squadron was activated in June of 1943 as the 396<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron. After being inactivated and redesignated as the 182<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Squadron in August 1946 – the federal government recognized the unit as part of the Air National Guard after being petitioned by several WWII

veterans in October of 1947. The 182<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Squadron is part of the 149<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing and currently flies the F-16; "Fighting Falcon"



Nicknamed the:

*'Lonestar Gunfighters'*



## The creation of the Airman!

20 Feb 1950, Gen Hoyt S. Vandenberg ordered that from this day on, enlisted personnel of the United States Air Force would be called "Airmen" so that they could be distinguished from that of the Army's "Soldiers" and the Navy's "Sailors"; however, former Air Force enlisted personnel were still referred to as "Soldiers".



??LOOKING TO EXPAND YOUR AF KNOWLEDGE??

Make a stop at your local 37<sup>th</sup> TRW Office of History & Research for a chat with your Wing Historian & a copy of "Hoyt S. Vandenberg: The Life of a General" by Phillip S. Meilinger!!

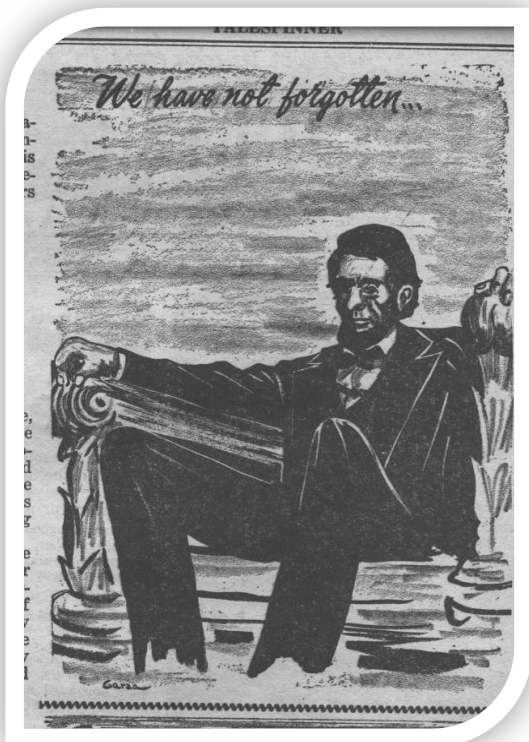
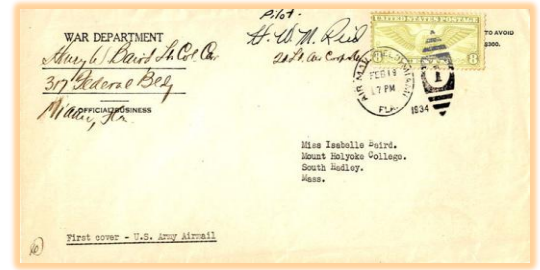
## “Gateway to the Air Force”



Since February 1946, the claim of Lackland Air Force base being “The Gateway to the Air Force” has been an accurate description. Since this time, Lackland has been responsible for the military indoctrination of all basic trainees. An expectation to this being when manpower needs increased significantly, such as with the Berlin Airlift, the Korean War, and Vietnam War – during this time basic training was shifted elsewhere to accommodate the need.

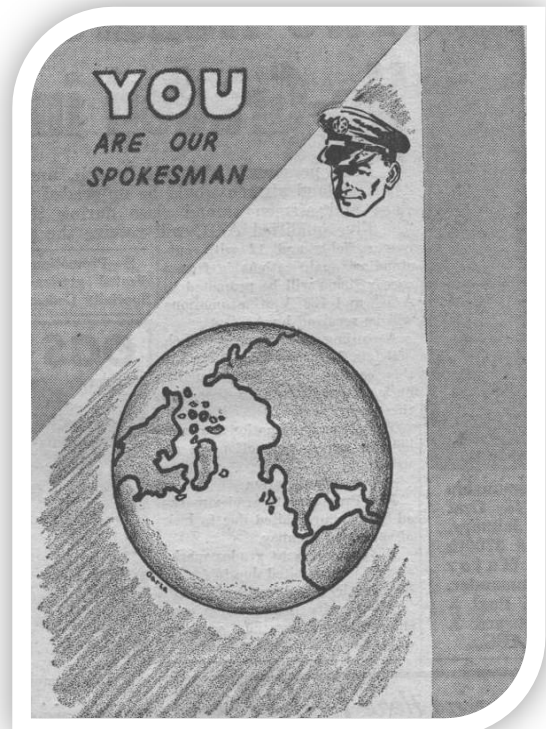


## History at a glance:

- 1809: Birth of Abraham Lincoln
- 1934: President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 6591; thereby mandating the Air Corps to deliver the national air mail resulting from the “Air Mail Scandal”
- 1954: SAAMA’s engine shops received their first jet engine, a J33A, for repair.
- 1958: The Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) was created
- 1980: Vice Chief of Staff, Gen Robert C. Mathis directed the suspension of wearing grade insignia by students undergoing BMT, OTS and AECF
- 1989: Maternity leave for AF personnel was increased to a total of 42 days (6 weeks)!



  
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*“To affirm that the aeroplane is  
going to ‘revolutionize’ naval  
warfare of the future is to be guilty of  
the wildest exaggeration”*

- ‘Scientific American’  
16 July 1910